

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further, as shown in FIG. [[4]] 3, both the left and right sides of the front cross frame 17 are formed in approximately a trapezoid shape. That is, the front cross frame 17 of the first tank frame is comprised of both left and right end portions 40, 40 fastened to the lower surfaces of the rear side members 11, 11, respectively, inclined portions 41, 41 extending from both the left and right end portions 40, 40 and sloping downwardly of the vehicle toward a center in the vehicle widthwise direction, respectively, and a bottom portion 42 connected to terminal ends of the left and right inclined portions 41, 41, respectively. Also, as shown in FIG. 1, a floor panel 43 of the vehicle body is configured to form along an upper profile of the fuel tank 24.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, as shown in FIG. 2, since the side frames 18 connecting the fore and aft portions of the first tank frame 12 are located below the rear suspension brackets 37, 37 that serve as rear suspension fastening portions of the rear suspension member 13, the side frames 18, 18 do not obstruct the movement of the suspension 38 the side frames 18, 18 have no obstruction for operation the suspension 38, and therefore the fuel tank 24 and the suspension 38 can be placed in a high space efficiency.